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PCT/KR 02/02494

CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC⁷: F25D 17/08 , F25D 25/00

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC⁷: F25D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	JP 02 150682 A (MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CORP) 8 June 1990 (08.06.90) <i>abstract; fig. 1-3.</i>	1,22
A	JP 11 083300 A (MATSUSHITA REFRIG CO) 26 March 1999 (26.03.99) <i>abstract; fig.1-5.</i>	1,20
A	US 5918480 A (Nagata) 6 July 1999 (06.07.99) <i>abstract; fig. 1,2,27.</i>	1,6,22
A	GB 2079424 A (Thorn Domestic Appliances) 20 January 1982 (20.01.82) <i>the whole document.</i>	1
A	US 2267486 A (West) 23 December 1941 (23.12.41) <i>the whole document.</i>	1,20

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☒ See patent family annex.

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GB	A1	2079424	20-01-1982	none	
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(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PALGE02420	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/KR 02/02494	International filing date (day/month/year) 30 December 2002 (30.12.2002)	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 23 October 2002 (23.10.2002)
Applicant LG ELECTRONICS INC.		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☐ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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5. With regard to the abstract,

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☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.: 3

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ None of the figures.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A vegetable room for a refrigerator includes: a vegetable box (20) disposed inside a refrigerator in which a cooling air supply unit is provided to circulate cooling air therein and a plurality of shelves (10) are provided, and having a receptacle space (5) for receiving food items therein opened upwardly; a box cover (30) for covering an opening side of the vegetable box (20) to close the receptacle space (5) of the vegetable box (20) and having a plurality of cooling air ventilating holes (31,41) formed at one side thereof to introduce cooling air into the vegetable box (20); a cover support unit (22) interposed between the box cover (30) and the shelf (10) to support the box cover at the shelf; a plurality of opening and closing members (33,43) for opening and closing the cooling air ventilating holes (31,41) of the box cover (30); and an operating unit (24) for operating the opening and closing members (33, 43) simultaneously.